

Library News



Summer is always a busy time at the Arcadia Public Library!

For children, this year's Summer Reading Program promises to be better than ever with its theme "It's a Jungle Out There...Swing Into Your Library." Registration begins on Saturday, June 14 and continues through Saturday, July 12. Children ages 2 and up can keep track of time spent reading (or being read to) in a special Reading Log. Participants may bring their Reading Logs to the Library once a week to have them stamped, have their completed reading hours officially recorded, and receive a weekly prize bag. Children will also receive Monkey Money for each hour of reading completed. Monkey Money may be used to "buy" special items in the Spider's summer store at the end of the program. There will also be special storytimes for children ages 2 and 3 and ages 4 to 6.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library, Family Nights will continue on Thursday nights during the summer from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Cay Mortenson Auditorium with the following free performances (seating is limited to 150):

- June 26** L. A. Puppet Professionals
- July 3** Musician Dave Kinnoin
- July 10** Storyteller Leslie Perry
- July 17** Valentine's Traveling Nature Class
- July 24** Animal Magic by John Abrams

For more details on events for children, call

the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at 821-5570.

For adults, the Library and Historical Museum are co-sponsoring a special centennial series entitled "Preserving Your Family History." Learn all about caring for precious family documents and treasures at these free sessions:

* Wednesday, June 11 at 10 a.m.: **Preserving Family Papers** (at the Library) with Tim Gregory of the Traveling Archivist

* Wednesday, June 18 at 10 a.m.: **Preserving Your Family Photos** (at the Library) with Jennifer Watts, Curator of Photographs at the Huntington Library

* Saturday, June 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.: **Have a Family Heirloom Appraised** (at the Museum)

* Wednesday, June 25 at 10 a.m.: **Recording Family Oral Histories** (at the Library) with Rebecca Smith, Coordinator of the Pasadena Oral History Program

For details on events for adults, call 821-5572.

Are you going on vacation this summer? Don't forget to come by the Library, pick up some fun books and check them out using the Library's new "Express Check" machine - it's the speedy way to check out. When you're here, take a look at the Library's new bus shelter and inviting new landscaping too!

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum



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Spring was a busy time for the Museum. The volunteer recognition event was well attended. The Mayor, Historical Society President, City Manager and Museum Director thanked the volunteers for over 1800 hours contributed to the Museum in 2002. Volunteers are an integral part of Museum operations. Their participation allows for the timely processing of donations as well as many other projects. The Museum still has openings for volunteers who would like to greet visitors and talk with them about Arcadia's history.

The opening exhibition for the Centennial year was the Baldwin Family Legacy, with objects on loan from Anita Winter Gibson and Heather Dawn Gibson, the granddaughter and great granddaughter of Anita Baldwin. Items on loan included silver serving pieces from The Baldwin Hotel at Lake Tallac, Clara Baldwin's peacock feather fan and an oil painting of Dextra Baldwin. Several of the pieces will be on exhibition throughout the year.

Michael Patris, President of the Mount Lowe Preservation Society, installed an exhibition about

Mount Lowe. Souvenirs, photographs, Professor Thaddeus Lowe's aluminum binoculars (circa 1850), and artifacts from the incline railway were on exhibition during April.

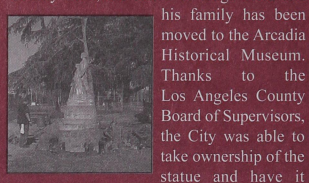
May's exhibit, Arcadia Centennial Celebration, was an art show sponsored by the Centennial Commission and the Historical Commission, featuring the wonderful artwork of Arcadia High School Fine Art students.

Plans are under way for an exhibition on Seabiscuit. If anyone has newspaper clippings, racing programs, pictures or any memorabilia related to the "great race" at Santa Anita Racetrack, the Museum is interested in borrowing them for the exhibition.

The generosity of area residents to donate items related to Arcadia's history continues to add to the interest and importance of the Museum's collection. School teachers have been asking for information about Arcadia in the 1960s and 1970s, which doesn't seem that long ago but to a fourth grader it is ancient history! If you have artifacts from the ancient civilization known as the 1960s and 1970s that need a home, the Museum would be happy to have them so students can study the customs and rituals of that time.

Hugo On The Move

After decades of "living" in Arcadia County Park, the statue of Hugo Reid and



his family has been moved to the Arcadia Historical Museum. Thanks to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the City was able to take ownership of the statue and have it

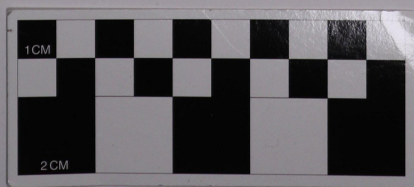


moved to the Museum property where it will be refurbished with money raised by the Arcadia Historical Society.

Created in 1937 by sculptor Preston Prescott, the "Hugo Reid Family" depicts the Scottish immigrant who once owned the sprawling Rancho Santa Anita, along with his wife Victoria, two children and the family dog. The statue may not have been noticed much in the large County Park, but it is definitely a focal point outside of the Museum.

The Arcadia Historical Society, which supports Museum activities and acquisitions, has purchased a portrait of Lucky Baldwin dated 1906 by artist Maynard Dixon. Dixon was an important American artist who painted the Native American murals that were in Anita Baldwin's home, Anoakia. This portrait is a significant acquisition for the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was made possible in part by contributions to the Museum's Donor Tree. The Donor Tree graces the entry wall of the Museum and you can recognize an anniversary or birthday with the purchase of a leaf engraved with your loved one's name and the Roman Numerals MMIII for Arcadia's Centennial Year. The leaves available are: Gold for \$10,000.00, Silver for \$5,000.00, Bronze for \$1,000.00 and Copper for \$250.00. What better gift for the person who has everything? Visit the Museum and reserve the location for your Centennial leaf.

The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 West Huntington Dr. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special arrangements may be made for group tours. Admission is free. For information please call 574-5440 or 574-5468.

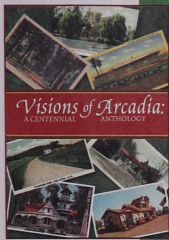


For Your Information

By the time this issue of the Newsletter reaches you, we will be getting ready to open our new 10,700 sq. ft. Skatepark. Watch for details about a special grand opening event to celebrate this latest addition to our youth recreation program. If you want to make sure you receive an invitation to the opening celebration, please call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 574-5113 to get on the mailing list.

Maintaining Arcadia's infrastructure is a major part of the City operation. Roads, traffic signals, street signs, the water and sewer systems, parkway trees, equipment and facilities all have master plans in place to ensure that they remain functional and are maintained consistent with the needs of the community, both now and in the future.

The City will remove graffiti free of charge anywhere within city limits. To report graffiti, please call the graffiti hotline at 821-4333 and leave a message with the exact location.



This August will mark Arcadia's official 100th birthday and publication of "Visions of Arcadia: A Centennial Anthology." This 375-page book features essays, poems and photographs commemorating Arcadia's rich history. Details on how you can purchase a copy of the book are forthcoming.

All pari-mutual revenue received from Santa Anita Racetrack goes into the City's Capital Outlay Fund. The expenditures from this fund generally relate to the acquisition of capital (vehicles and equipment) and construction of public facilities, but also include traffic control in and around the racetrack. Arcadia has never relied on revenue from Santa Anita to pay for basic public services. This fund is the primary reason we are able to keep our public facilities in good condition and re-build or rehabilitate when necessary.

Cyber Mail – E-Mail – No, It's ArcadiaMail

Arcadia residents wishing to receive "for your information" messages and reminders about City activities are encouraged to subscribe to ArcadiaMail. ArcadiaMail is an electronic news bulletin system that puts information about City events and programs directly into your "in box." It is intended to complement the City Newsletter by providing short pieces of information on a timely basis.

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Cities Challenged By Possibility of Losing Money to the State

Given the considerable amount of publicity the State budget has been receiving in the media, it is likely that you have been hearing about the problems they are having trying to balance their budget. Much of the information that has been portrayed is correct. The State of California is having serious financial difficulties and, once again, it is looking to resolve part of its deficit problem by taking money away from cities.

So far, Arcadia's economy is doing fairly well. Our revenue and expenditure projections are on target and our history of fiscal conservatism and the innovative use of reserve funds and master plans have served us well. While cities in the San Gabriel Valley and all over the State are having major budget problems and are now in the unfortunate position of having to cut services, our 2003-2004 budget proposes the same level of service as this last year – no reductions. Based on the information we have today about the State's plans as well as our own budget forecast, we think we will be able to weather the next couple of years without having to significantly reduce the service level due to the fact that we have consistently put money into reserve funds when it is available (the general reserve fund is similar to a savings account

for a rainy day). Of course, this is dependent on any action the State may take as well as how the economy fares in the future. If all of what is being proposed by the State actually happens, Arcadia too will be faced with an unpleasant budget situation in a few years.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for California cities to provide quality services under the conditions imposed on them by the State. The continuing threat of losing money that has traditionally (and in some cases constitutionally) belonged to cities is wreaking havoc on municipal budgets. In our case, the years of hard work we have done to make sure we stay financially sound could go by the wayside based on the actions of the State Legislature.

Despite the talk about what is supposedly going to happen, Arcadia is not sitting back quietly. We have been in touch with legislators from the Governor's office down. We have sent letters, made phone calls, testified at public hearings and will continue to do what we can to convince the State that they need to leave city revenue alone. This money is to pay for necessary local services; it is not to be used to correct their inefficiencies.

General Information

Animal control services are provided by the Pasadena Humane Society, 361 South Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, (626) 792-7151.

Arcadia Transit provides public curb-to-curb transportation to all locations within the City limits. Transportation is available between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Fares are 25¢ for seniors and disabled persons and \$1 for all others. To make arrangements for a pickup, please call 445-2211 (TDD users call 445-2522).

City Service Hours

Arcadia City Hall is located at 240 West Huntington Drive. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CLOSED ALTERNATE FRIDAYS.

Arcadia Service Center is located at 11800 Goldring Road. The Public Works Services Department is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; every other Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. CLOSED ALTERNATE FRIDAYS.

The Community Center is located at 365 Campus Drive and is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Recreation and Community Services has the same hours as City Hall, but is also open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 West Duarte Road, and is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Library is closed on Sunday.

Arcadia Police Department is located at 250 West Huntington Drive and is open 24 hours a day.

Arcadia Fire Department Headquarters is located at 710 South Santa Anita Avenue and has the same service hours as City Hall. However, Fire Department emergency personnel are on duty 24 hours a day.

The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 West Huntington Drive and is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

City Directory

EMERGENCY 911

Administrative Services	574-5424
Arcadia Community Television	574-5434
Building Inspection	574-5416
Business License	574-5430
Cashier	574-5464
City Attorney	574-5407
City Clerk/General Information	574-5455
City Manager's Office	574-5401
Code Services	574-5421/5436
Community Center	574-5130
Community Development	574-5423
Development Services	574-5414
Economic Development	574-5408
Engineering	574-5411
Fire Administration	574-5100
Fire Prevention	574-5104
Graffiti Hotline	821-4333
Historical Museum	574-5440
Human Resources	574-5405
Job Hotline	574-5406
Library	821-5867
Mayor and City Council	574-5403
Planning	574-5423
Police Administration	574-5150
Public Works Services	
Administration	256-6554
Public Works Service Requests-Water	256-6650
Public Works Service Requests- Streets and Trees	256-6554
Purchasing	574-5462
Recreation & Community Services	574-5113
Refuse/Recycling Programs	256-6653
Scavenging Hotline	574-5124
Senior Citizen Services	574-5130
Water Billing	574-5428
Water Service	256-6650
Wilderness Park	355-5309

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